



# Ocean State Parrot Head Club

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## *You Had to Be There.....*

### **Members Meeting Minutes - 3/5/15**

#### **Davenport's Restaurant - East Providence**

Ben opened up our meeting in the usual fashion with a team drink.

First up...we would like to welcome our new members to the club, Allie Lee, Steve Einhorn, Cindy Fortin and Michael DeAngelo. Nice to see some new faces in the crowd. Welcome aboard! Glad to have ya!

Buffett Ticket requests have been received...we had gotten requests for 40 but due to the limited amount of tickets given out to the Northeast this year (250) we had to cut 12 people from the request list. Priority was given to those who have participated in events this year. Buffett will be playing this year on August 15<sup>th</sup> at the Xfinity Center. (Great Woods for all you seasoned people) This year the club has again decided that we will park in public lots, hoping that we can get the same area as last year. All the clubs were together last year. It just happened that way and was a great party!

An announcement was made tonight that the Northeast Region will be hosting a pre-buffett party at the Red Roof Inn in Mansfield on Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. Bring your favorite liquid beverage and snacks, rent a room and enjoy the festivities. There will be entertainment and headlining the day will be the Island Castaways Band.

Coming up next week, the NEPHC at the Mansfield Holiday Inn. As you are aware, the Parrothead Olympics will be a big part of the celebration. Opening ceremonies are at 12:00 on Friday if you're lucky enough to be there. Our teams are all set and ready to go for the Tacky Tourist contest, Olympic Tidal pool, jello shot contest and frozen t-shirt contests. Our color will stand out! Neon green! So, get yourself geared up for this...it should be hilarious. Another big part of the NEPHC at least with our club, is the ironing board buffet. Ben will be hosting this outside his room which is 234. Everyone should bring a dish to share and Ben will provide the liquid refreshments. We still have a few things to do before next week. Our stainless steel cutout will be finished this week at Sue and Ken Nelson's house on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Another big part of the convention is our group picture. This will be done at 5pm on Saturday. We will meet in the front of the hotel in the garden area. Special T-shirts commemorating our

20<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year have been made and quite a few people have purchased them for only 12.00. If you have them, please wear them. If you want one, Ben will have them for sale at the convention. Any OSPHC shirt will do if you don't get one. Please be on time for this. It's not every year you get to celebrate 20 years of fun! Another FYI for the convention....if you registered early, you got a commemorative Tervis cup. Please be advised that these do not come with lids or straws, so if you have one bring it with you if you plan to use it. Also, no lanyards will be given out, but most of you have your ID's already on them. Another very important part of this year's convention is the memory tree. We have been asked to bring a picture and you will be given a card to write whatever you feel on it. This will be strung up around the trees in the garden area and clothes pin will hold them on. This will be a great tribute to those who we have lost through the years.

Next up....Elections...BOD up for grabs are...President, Secretary, Membership Director and Member at Large. Nominations are being extended for 15 days due to bad weather and lack of attendance. We did have nominations for Membership Director last night...Sue Jones was nominated for this position and Carrie McNeil. Nominated for Member at Large was Terri Weissenberg (Terri is giving up her post as Member Director) and Paul Thibodeau. There were no nominations as of last night for President, Ben will be seeking re-election and Secretary, Sue Nelson will be seeking re-election. Please let Ben know if you are interested in being nominated for any of the positions above. Sandy Clendenny will head the election coordination. Once elections are completed, any new BOD members will be invited to the May BOD meeting. As of June 1, their office will be assumed.

As you know, we are hosting the 2017 NEPHC. I know it is two years away, but we have to be prepared to present our theme and get our registration up and running for the end of next year's convention. I can't stress how important this is. We are forming committees and will need everyone's help and cooperation in the coming months. Committees needed are....Registration, Raffles, Sponsorship, Games, Entertainment just to name a few. In the coming months, we will be sending out info and signup sheets. Nancy Heron is our convention chairperson for 2017. You can contact Nancy at [tiggers1968@aol.com](mailto:tiggers1968@aol.com) or Ben at any time with questions. We will also need a theme...very important that we get input on this. We would like YOUR suggestions on a theme. Please send them along to any BOD to be presented as soon as possible. Some suggestions so far have been....Life is a Tireswing, Rendezvous Bay, Christmas in the Caribbean and RI Daydreaming. We need more, so put your thinking caps on and send in those suggestions.

So many great things coming up....Spring is fast approaching (thank goodness!) and we have some great things coming up in the OSPHC world. At the end of the month we have the Foolproof Brewery Tour on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are only 10.00. See Kathy Batease for sign up information. Next month, we are working on the Seal tour out of Newport again. That was a nice afternoon and we finished it off with a nice lunch at Brick Alley pub. Our birthday is this year...20 years old! And we have a great day of fun planned to celebrate. We will be holding our birthday party at the the Newport Polo grounds...yup, we are. On July 11<sup>th</sup>, we will be tailgating at the Newport vs. Ireland polo match up. There will be more info as we get closer, but mark your calendar, because this is one event you don't want to miss.

Save the Bay is also having their spring beach cleanup and everyone is welcome to join in. We will be giving out more information on this in the next few weeks. We will pick a place, there are several areas they are targeting at this time. After the cleanup, we can meet somewhere for refreshments. Stay tuned.

Birthdays were mentioned for the month of March. Happy Birthday March babies!

Lots going on, so keep an eye on your e-mail and our Facebook page for updates.

Till we meet again....

Sue Nelson – Secretary, Ocean State Parrot Head Club

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March, 2015

March 28 Foolproof Brewing Tour – 2:00 Public Tour-241 Grotto Ave.,  
Bldg.D Unit 1, Pawtucket, RI \$10/person  
April 9 Members Meeting, Doherty's 30 Jefferson Blvd, Warwick, RI  
May 14 Members Meeting, Davenport's – 1925 Pawtucket Ave., E.  
Providence  
June 11 Members Meeting, Doherty's 30 Jefferson Blvd, Warwick, RI  
July 11 OSPHC 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party – Parrots for Polo, USA vs. Ireland  
**Aug. 15 It's official –Jimmy Buffett Concert at 8:00 pm Comcast  
Center!**

\*\*\*\*\*Fellow Parrot Head Club Events\*\*\*\*\*

**March 12-15 NEPHC – Holiday Inn Mansfield, MA Sponsored by  
Frozen Finz PHC Theme "Stories we could Tell"**  
**March 13 Top our Tanks 7-10:00 pm Audubon Environmental  
Education Center, 1401 Hope St., Bristol- Concert & Fund Raiser by  
Sunny Jim- Tickets at [www.asri.org](http://www.asri.org)**  
**April 18 Save the Bay Cleanup –10-12 pm Easton's Beach, 175  
Memorial Blvd, Newport or 1-3 pm Bold Point, Waterfront Drive, East  
Providence**  
**April 25 Save the Bay Cleanup – 10-12 pm Field's Point, 100 Save The  
Bay Drive, Providence or 10 12 pm Rocky Point, End of Rocky Point Avenue**  
**April 24-26 New Orleans Jazz Fest – Jimmy Buffett & the Coral  
Reefers Band on the roster!!!**